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LETTER DATED 22 JANUARY 1991 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to enclose the text of the Declaration regarding the tragic developments in the situation in the Arabian Gulf region issued on Monday, 21 January 1991 by the Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the Security Council.

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Ambassador
Permanent Representative

Annex

Declaration regarding the tragic developments in the situation in the Arabian Gulf region issued on 21 January 1991 by the Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen

In the Name of God, the Merciful, the Compassionate

The Presidential Council of the Republic of Yemen is following with extreme grief the tragic developments in the situation created by the cruel and continuing aggression the United States and Allied forces are committing against the fraternal Iraqi people and against its scientific, industrial, economic and military potential and installations, which reveals the true dimensions of the sinister plan for aggression against the fraternal Arab and Muslim people of Iraq.

The Presidential Council considers that the cruel aggression the United States and Allied forces are perpetrating is not aimed at ensuring the implementation of the Security Council resolutions and liberating Kuwait - which continues to be an inter-Arab problem that can be settled only by Arabs, for Kuwait forms an integral part of the Arab Islamic nation and its people is our brother in Arabism and Islam - but has much broader objectives which comprise destroying the capabilities and potential of an Arab Muslim country and subjecting its population to genocide. This is apparent from the ongoing aggressive operations being conducted against civilians and civilian installations and against the economic and development infrastructures of fraternal Iraq. These operations reveal in fact the true scope of a dangerous plot directed not solely against fraternal Iraq, but against the entire Arab and Islamic nation, aimed at controlling its interests, potential and wealth and at endangering its security, independence and sovereignty.

The Presidential Council condemns the cruel aggression being perpetrated against Iraq, and appeals to all States of the world, and in the first place to the fraternal Arab and Islamic countries, to take the position that their national, religious and human obligations dictate towards the iniquitous aggression being perpetrated against the fraternal Arab and Muslim people of Iraq, and urges the international community to bring pressure to bear on the United States of America and its allies to put an end to this aggression without delay and thus give the parties the opportunity of engaging in peaceful dialogue to settle all pending problems so that a global, lasting and just peace can be achieved in the region which will guarantee peaceful coexistence among its peoples, safe from any foreign interference or from a military escalation which would drag the region as a whole towards a devastating conflagration and a terrifying catastrophe which would be difficult to control, and whose destructive effects would be difficult to foresee and would have dangerous repercussions for international peace and security.

In conformity with the firm position of principle of the Republic of Yemen and with the efforts it has made since the beginning of the crisis to ensure a peaceful settlement within the overall Arab context in order to spare the region catastrophic war and destruction, the Presidential Council affirms its intention to continue its efforts to put an end to the bloodshed and achieve peace in the

region. At this crucial juncture and in these extremely serious circumstances the region and the world are experiencing, the Presidential Council urges the international community to take the following steps:

1. Adoption by the Security Council of a resolution calling for an immediate halt to all military operations;

2. Facilitation of Arab and Islamic efforts at peace and mediation designed to put an end to the causes of the dispute between Iraq and Kuwait;

3. Adoption by the Security Council of a resolution calling for the withdrawal of the foreign forces deployed in the region;

4. A commitment by the Security Council to implement immediately and without delay the resolutions of the United Nations relating to the Arab-Israeli conflict;

5. The adoption by the Security Council of a resolution rescinding its resolution 661 (1990) on the imposition of a total embargo against Iraq;

6. The conclusion of a general agreement aimed at eliminating all weapons of mass destruction in the possession of all States in the region and instituting a rigorous control system to ensure respect for this agreement. The conclusion of this agreement would take place after all forms of conflict in the region, including the Arab-Israeli conflict, have come to an end.

The Presidential Council urges the leaders and peoples of the Arab and Islamic nation to assume their historic responsibility in the face of this challenge with which their nation is confronted and to put an end to the aggression being perpetrated against a fraternal Arab and Muslim country, and reaffirms that it is motivated by the desire to halt the bloodshed, preserve the potential and capabilities of the Arab and Islamic nation and save it from the clutches of its enemies and those who have designs on it.